

EFFECT OF SINTERING TEMPERATURE ON THE MAGNETODIELECTRIC PERFORMANCE OF NICKEL FERRITE

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Abstract. Nickel ferrite (NiFe₂O₄) nanopowder has been synthesized by a sol-gel auto-combustion process and further sintered at various sintering temperatures. The sintered samples were characterized by XRD, SEM and VSM. Enhancement of apparent density of the sample has been observed with the increase in sintering temperature and has a great influence on the magnetic and dielectric properties of NiFe₂O₄. The SEM results reveal that the grain size increases with increasing sintering temperature. The electrical resistivity decreases and the dielectric constant increases with increasing sintering temperature has been observed. The magnetic studies shown that the ferrimagnetic behaviour increases with sintering temperature. These results suggest that sintering temperature has a prominent effect on the magnetodielectric properties.